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1. WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND WILL CONTINUE KEEP DEPARTMENT ABREAST ON DEVELOPMENTS ON CURRENT BASIS. WE CONCUR THAT APPROACH TO INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL AND HOPE THAT THIS APPROACH WILL PRODUCE THE CATALYST AROUND WHICH A POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT COULD BE BUILT.

2. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO RAISING THE GSP ISSUE AS A POTENTIAL PROBLEM BUT BELIEVE THAT ULTIMATELY THIS IS THE WRONG NEGOTIATING LEVER TO PRODUCE ACTION. WE ARE NOT ADVOCATING BARRING A FERTILIZER PROGRAM FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE CONTEXT OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND WE HEARTLY ENDORSE THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT THE AGRICULTURAL INPUTS MEETING. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD RISK STRONG CONGRESSIONAL REACTION WERE WE TO HAVE A DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM WITH THE FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA CONSIDERING THAT THE CURRENT DISPUTE INVOLVES AN OLD AID SPONSORED PLANT. THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE CANNOT HAVE A FERTILIZER PROGRAM IN INDIA WITHOUT THE FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA.

3. TO SUM UP, WE WILL KEEP THE PRESSURE ON HERE AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO LIKEWISE AT ANY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

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